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1. MEETING REF A (ALSO ATTENDED BY ITALIANS) WAS ONE AT WHICH THERE WAS EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION. BOTH AMB FERGUSON AND ROUGET (FRG) REPORTED VIEW BEING DISSEMINATED AMONG NON-ALIGNED--WE SUSPECT BY OR ON BEHALF SOMMAVIA--THAT DANISH CANDIDATE WOULD RAISE COMPLICATIONS VIS-A-VIS WELL KNOWN DANISH INTEREST IN GA PRESIDENCY. NO ONE AT MEETING OF IMPRESSION THAT THIS VIEW OTHER THAN ONE BEING DISSEMINATED AMONG NON-ALIGNED OBVIOUSLY DESIGNED TO NEUTRALIZE COMPETITOR OF SOMMAVIA'S. WE WHOLLY IN AGREEMENT THAT CANDIDATE FOR EACH POSITION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ON THE MERITS OF EACH POSITION, BUT NO ONE SHOULD BE UNDER THE ILLUSION THAT THIS VIEWPOINT SHARED BY NON-ALIGNED.

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2. USUN PERPLEXED AT REPORTED REACTION"...COOLING

OFF FROM ITS INITIAL SUPPORT FOR DANISH CANDIDATE, PROFESSOR ISI FOIGHEL. SINCE THE US HAD ENCOURAGED FOIGHEL'S CANDIDACY IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, ISAKSEN SAID HE WAS PUZZLED BY WHAT APPEARED TO BE A SUDDEN SHIFT IN US VIEW." (REF A). DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTION (REF B) MADE CLEAR THAT "...WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT ONE OR MORE ALTERNATIVE CANDIDATES BE PUT FORWARD PROMPTLY." FURTHER, DEPT TEL (REF B), PARA 3 STATED: "...AMONG THE PERSONS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES WHO HAVE BEEN MENTIONED HERE AS POSSIBILITIES ARE:

(A) FROM CANADA...

(B) FROM AUSTRALIA...

(C) FROM DENMARK: INTERNATIONAL LAWYER AND PROFESSOR ISI FOIGHEL". USUN UNAWARE THAT AT ANY TIME USG HAS EXPRESSED UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT FOR PROFESSOR FOIGHEL. SO FAR AS USUN AWARE, US HAS NOT REPEAT NOT PLEDGED SUPPORT TO ANY PARTICULAR WEO CANDIDATE ALTHOUGH CLEAR THAT US HAS URGED CANADIANS AS WELL AS DANES TO PUT FORWARD A CANDIDATURE.

3. WE BELIEVE EMB COMMENT PARA 3, REF A, OBVIOUSLY CORRECT INTERPRETATION CURRENT STATE OF PLAY, I.E., US CONTINUES TO LOOK FAVORABLY AT FOIGHEL, BUT WE WOULD ALL HAVE TO WEIGH HIS CHANCES WITH LDC'S.

4. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE DANES CONFUSING MESSAGE (NON-ALIGNED VIEWS) WITH MESSENGER (USG). DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO COMMENT THIS MATTER.
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